

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-13, 15-24, 26, 28-33 and 35-37 are pending. Claims 2, 5, 6, 10, 15, 16, 19, 20, 26, 30 and 31-33 are amended. Claims 8 and 9 are cancelled. Claims 4, 7, 14, 25, 27, and 34 have been cancelled in a previous amendment.

Amendments to the claims are respectfully requested to be entered, because the amendments to the claims overcome the Examiner's claim objections and rejections, and place all the claims in a condition of allowance.

Applicants thank Examiner Englund for taking the time to thoroughly and completely review the claims with the Applicants' representative.

The Examiner will note that the amendments made to the claims are based on the conversation between the Examiner and the Applicants' representative. At this time, Applicants do not believe any comments are necessary for the amendments, because the amendments are self-explanatory.

In view of the amendments to the claims, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-13, 15-24, 26, 28-33 and 35-37 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

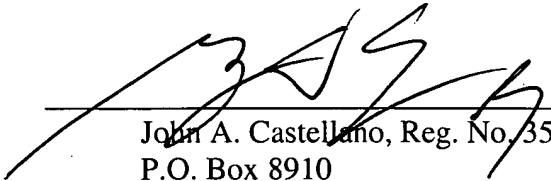
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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